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Price, \$2 PER MONTH.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 11 & 12, Cannon Street, E.C. 4. GORDON & GORDON, 30, Cornhill, E.C. 4. HENDY & CO., 37, Walbrook, E.C. 4. SAMUEL DRACON, & Co., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street, W. M. WILLS, 151, Cannon Street, E.C. 4.
PARIS AND EUROPE.—AMERIK PRINCE & CO., 36, Rue Lafayette, Paris.
NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 21, Park Row.
SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BEAN & BLACK, San Francisco.
AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GORDON, Melbourne and Sydney.
CEYLON.—W. M. SMITH & CO., THE APOTHECARYS CO., Colombo.
SINGAPORE, STRAITS, & S. M. & CO., Singapore. O. HAINES & CO., Malacca. P. A. DE CRUZ, Singapore, Quilico & Co., Amoy, N. MOORE, Fochow, Haidig & Co., Shanghai, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & WALSH, Yokohama, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & WALSH.

Banks.

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

- 1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.
- 2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.
- 3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.
- 4.—Interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.
- 5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.
- 6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked "Hongkong Savings Bank Business" is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.
- 7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, September 1, 1887. 754

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital, £7,500,000
Reserve Fund, £3,000,000
Reserve Liability, £7,500,000
Total, £18,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman—Hon. JOHN BELL IRENG.
Deputy Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.
O. D. BOTTOMLEY, Esq.
W. G. BRODIE, Esq.
H. L. DALRYMPLE, Esq.
H. HOFFMAN, Esq.
D. LAYTON, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.
Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.
Shanghai, EDWARD CAMERON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS—London and County Bank.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
On Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 " " " "
" 12 " 5 " " " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, January 25, 1888. 363

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

WE have closed the Fochow Branch of our Firm on the 31st ultimo, and transferred our Business at that port to Mr. GUSTAV SIEMSEN.

SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, January 28, 1888.

I HAVE this Day established myself at this port as Merchant and Commission Agent under the Name and Style of G. SIEMSEN.

Fochow, January 1, 1888. 149

NOTICE.

MR. M. GROTE has this Day been Admitted a Partner in the Firm of CHATER & VERNON.

Hongkong, January 1, 1888. 5

SAILOR'S HOME.

ANY Out-of-Order, Boots, or PAPERS will be thankfully received at the Sailor's Home, West Point.
Hongkong, July 20, 1887.

Intimations.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Year ending 31st December 1887, of the Rate of (21.10) ONE POUND SHILLINGS Sterling per Share, is PAYABLE on and after the 27th Instant, at the Office of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for WARRANTS.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, February 25, 1888. 314

CAMPBELL MOORE & CO., LIMITED.

THE 8th Annual MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the HONGKONG HORTON on WEDNESDAY, the 20th February, at 4 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of Directors for the Year ending 31st December, 1887.

By Order,
I. F. LEON,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, February 24, 1888. 307

NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHIPMASTERS and ENGINEERS are respectfully informed that, if upon their arrival in this Harbour, NONE of the Company's FOREMEN should be at hand, Orders for REPAIRS if sent to the Head Office, No. 14, Praya Central, will receive prompt attention.

In the Event of Complaints being found necessary, Communication with the Undersigned is requested, when immediate steps will be taken to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction.

D. GILLIES,
Secretary.
Hongkong, August 26, 1885. 1458

DENTISTRY.

FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP. MODERATE FEES.

MR. WONG TAI-FONG,
Surgeon-Dentist,
(Formerly Assistant to Dr. ROBERTS, and Lately Assistant to Dr. ROGERS),
At the urgent request of his European and American patients and friends, has TAKEN THE OFFICE formerly occupied by Dr. ROGERS,
No. 2, DUDDELL STREET.

CONSULTATION FREE.

Discount to missionaries and families.
Sole Address,
2, DUDDELL STREET,
(Next to the New Oriental Bank).
Hongkong, January 12, 1888. 66

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE First Ordinary Annual MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Company, Pender's Street, on THURSDAY, the 8th day of March next, at Noon, to receive the Report of the Directors, with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1887.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd Instant to 8th Proximo, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
ISAAC HUGHES,
Secretary.
Hongkong, February 18, 1888. 264

PLANS and ESTIMATES prepared for

LAGGET DRAGON STEAMERS, STEAM LAUNCHES, MARINE ENGINES and BOILERS, and all other kinds of MACHINERY.
A List of Steamers FOR SALE always on hand.
The Address as above.
Hongkong, January 4, 1888. 21

CHAS. J. GAUPP & Co.,

Chromometer, Watch & Clock Makers, Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths.

NAUTICAL, SCIENTIFIC and METEOROLOGICAL INSTRUMENTS.

VOYAGERS' and CELEBRATED BINOCULARS and TELESCOPES. RETORTS, LIQUID and OTHER COMPASSES. ADMIRALTY and NAVY CHARTS. NAUTICAL BOOKS.

English SILVER and ELECTRO-PLATED WARE, ORNATE and Co.'s ELECTRO-PLATED WARE, GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY in great variety.

DIAMONDS

DIAMOND JEWELLERY, A Splendid Collection of the Latest LONDON PATTERNS, at very moderate prices. 742

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that all VESSELS DISCHARGING BOMBAY COTTON and COTTON YARN at the KOWLOON WHARVES will have FREE STORAGE for 14 days from arrival, after which a Rent of 3 CENTS per bale per month will be charged.

ISAAC HUGHES,
Secretary.
Hongkong, November 7, 1887. 2149

J. D. KILEY, SAILMAKER.

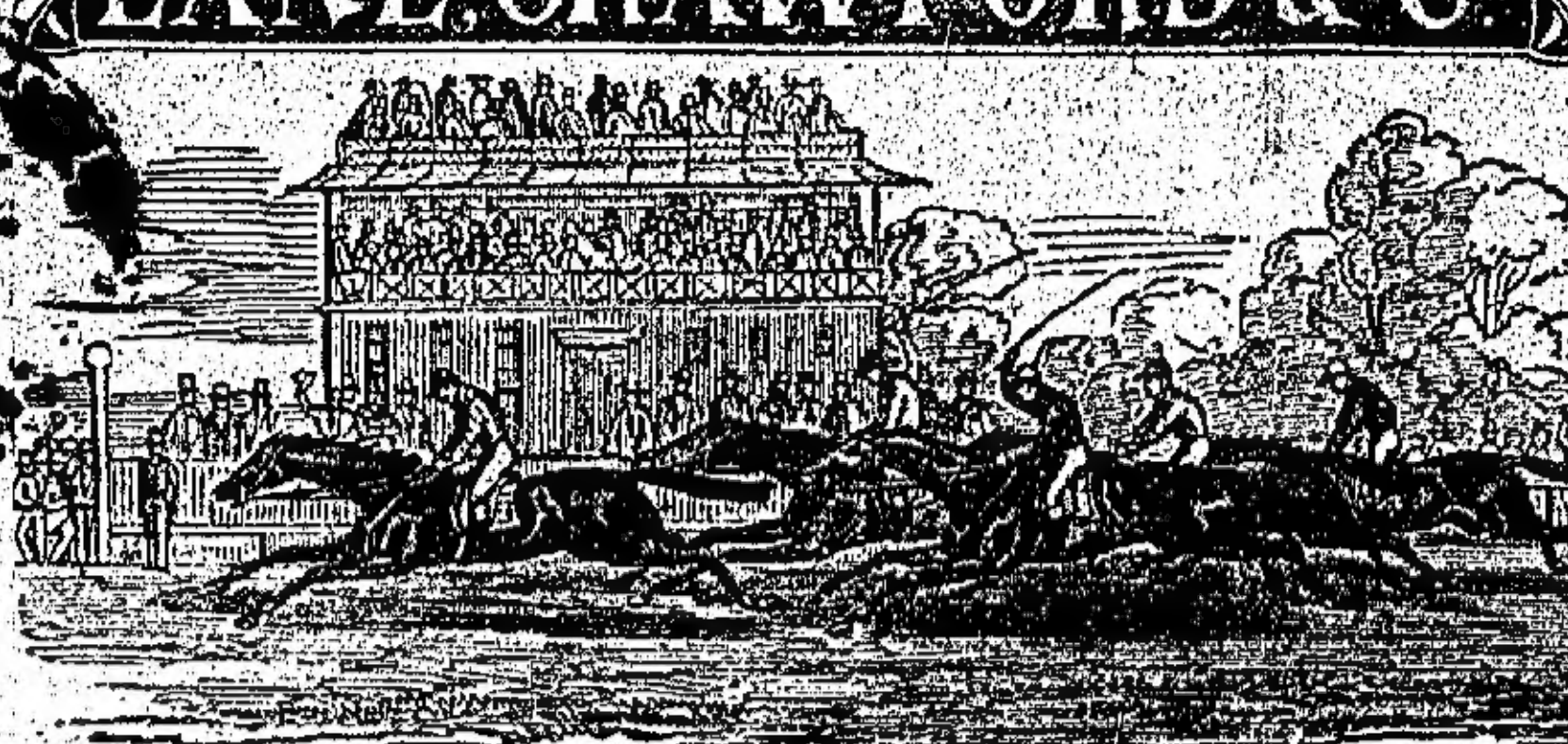
TENTS, AWNINGS and FLAGS.

No. 23, Praya Central, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, November 1, 1887. 2185

Business Notices.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.



HAVE NOW RECEIVED THEIR NEW STOCK OF

FELT HATS AND RACE SCARVES.

SADDLERY

RACING SUNDRIES, of all kinds.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, February 14, 1888. 231

NEW GOODS.

FINE SILK HATS. DRAB FELT HATS. BLACK, BROWN, DRAB and GRAY HAT FELT HATS. TERRY HATS and CAPS in new shapes. STRAW and PITH HATS. SILK UMBRELLAS, from \$5, over 10 to choose from. WALKING STICKS, a very large assortment. WATERPROOF COATS, Leggings and Chain Armour. TRAVELLING RUGS and SCOTCH MANTAS. OVER COATINGS, light and heavy. OVER COATINGS, Ulster Tweeds.

Fine Black DIAGONAL and CORNSHREW for Dress Suits. Black, Blue and Brown Fancy and Check DIAGONAL COATINGS. Fancy and Check TWEED SUITINGS. TAUSSERINGS, in a great variety of Styles, Cheviots, &c. CLOTHING FURNISHINGS, in Checks, Stripes and Plain. French Printed SHIRTINGS. Unshrinkable FLANNEL SHIRTINGS. Winter, Medium and Summer UNDER VESTS and PAJAS. READY-MADE ULSTERS in STOCK.

Solid LEATHER PORTMANTEAUS. OVERLAND TRUNKS, GARDEN BAGS, and a variety of TRAVELLING CASES, all new. SILK 4-HOSE, Black, Navy and Colours. Lamb's Wool, Merino and Little Thread 4-HOSE. White Dress SHIRTS. Lacing & E. S. BOOTS and SHOES. SHOOTING BOOTS, RUBBER Boots. Patent Leather Boots and SHOES. DANCING PUMPS, all sizes. Large Stock of SCARVES, TIES, HANDKERCHIEFS, BRACES.

ROBT. LANG & Co.

Hongkong, February 21, 1888. 285

DE JONG'S PURE SOLUBLE COCOA,

THE "ACME" OF ALL PURE COCOAS, MAKES THE MOST DELICIOUS

HOT OR COLD AND ICED COCOA AND CHOCOLATE.

DR. HEHNER, the well-known Public Analyst, reports:—A SAMPLE of DE JONG'S PURE SOLUBLE COCOA, having been submitted to me, I have much pleasure in stating that I found it to be of ABSOLUTE PURITY and of the HIGHEST EXCELLENCE. It surpasses in delicacy of aroma and richness of taste the best kinds of similar COCOAS, which have hitherto been offered to the public.

This COCOA, taken in cold water and without Sugar, is an unfailing remedy for Diarrhoea.

DE JONG'S COCOA is not only the most nutritious article of food, but is easily assimilated by ever so delicate a digestion, and therefore, a great benefit to invalids.

DE JONG'S COCOA may be obtained from

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,
Agents for Hongkong.
Hongkong, February 22, 1888. 300

STAG HOTEL,

QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

J. COOK, Proprietor.

THE HOTEL is CENTRALLY SITUATED, AND A FEW MINUTES' WALK FROM THE PRINCIPAL LANDING PLACES.

GOOD ACCOMMODATION FOR VISITORS. CHARGES MODERATE.

TIFFIN at 1 o'clock. DINNER at 7.30.

WELL VENTILATED BILLIARD ROOM. TIFFIN 50 CENTS. DINNER 75 CENTS.

WINES, SPIRITS and MALT LIQUORS of the VERY BEST QUALITY ONLY.

Hongkong, April 1, 1887. 607

Victoria Hotel,

Praya and Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

THIS Extensive and well-appointed Establishment, situated in one of the most central and airy positions in the Colony and commanding a splendid view of almost the entire harbour and within five minutes' walk of the principal Government Offices (including the Post Office), Banks, &c., has recently been much enlarged and improved and is now one of the principal Hotels in the place.

THE ROOMS are spacious, well-ventilated and have just been refurnished in a most comfortable and handsome manner, suited to the requirements of the Far East.

The Accommodation and Services of every kind will be found to be of the best description. An ample and varied TABLE D'HOTE is always provided and served in the spacious, large Dining Hall.

THE HOTEL also contains handsome and comfortable Reception, Reading, Billiard and Smoking Rooms.

The HOTEL is unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service.

Continental languages are spoken.

Messrs. DORABJEE & HING KEE,
Proprietors.
Hongkong, September 10, 1885. 1612

W. POWELL & Co.

EX-GLAZIER.

Ladies' Department.

NEW WHITE STRAW HATS. NEW SUMMER BONNETS. NEW FLOWERS and FEATHERS. NEW PARASOLS and UMBRELLAS. NEW BOOTS and SHOES. NEW COLOURED SUDE GLOVES, &c., &c., &c.

(TELEPHONE 21).
VICTORIA EXCHANGE, February 18, 1888. 256

THE CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Tenth Ordinary Annual MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, Pender's Street, on SATURDAY, the 10th March, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the General Agents, with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1887.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 25th February until 10th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, February 18, 1888. 292

THE LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Sixth Ordinary Annual MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, Pender's Street, on SATURDAY, the 10th March, at 12.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving a Report of the General Agents, with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1887.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 25th February until 10th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, February 18, 1888. 293

Auctions.

FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, ON SATURDAY,

the 3rd March, at 10 a.m., at 16, Rua de San Lourenço, MACAO.

OFFICE AND HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

(The Effects of the late Mr. MORTIMER MURPHY, including, amongst numerous other Articles:—
DINING-ROOM and DRAWING-ROOM FURNITURE, SIDEBOARDS, GLASS, CHINA, a considerable quantity of SILVER and PLATED WARE, PICTURES, MIRRORS, BED and TABLE LINEN, &c., &c.)

Bedroom Requisites, including:—5 BED-ROOMS (WOODEN and IRON), WARDROBES, &c., &c.

Also,
A PONY, with TRAP, HARNESS, &c., in excellent condition.

The Lease of the House is to be disposed of privately, for Particulars, apply to

E. T. BOND,
H. B. M. Vice-Consul, ad interim.
Hongkong, February 25, 1888. 315

For Sale.

BALL PROGRAMMES FOR SALE.

IN NEW SHOPS AND PATTERNS.

CHINA MAIL OFFICE,
2, WYNDHAM STREET.
January 26, 1888.

FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE.

Quarts.....220 per Case of 1 doz.

Pints.....221 " " 2 "

Dubos Freres & de Garmion & Co.'s BORDEAUX CLARETS and WHITE WINES.

Baxter's Celebrated 'Barley Bee' WHISKY, 67½ per Case of 1 doz.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Hongkong, July 18, 1884. 1187

To Let.

TO LET.

ROOMS in 'COLLIER'S CHAMBERS.'

GODOWN in ICE HOUSE LANE, lately occupied by Messrs. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, from the 1st May.

Apply to

DAVID HASSOON, SONS & Co.
Hongkong, February 3, 1888. 504

To be Let.

UNFURNISHED WITH TENNIS COURT.

NO. 5, RICHMOND TERRACE, a FOUR ROOMED HOUSE, with Three Bath Rooms.

NO. 6, RICHMOND TERRACE, a SIX ROOMED HOUSE, with Three Bath Rooms.

A NEW STORY has just been added to the Servants' Quarters of both houses.

Apply to

JOHN WILLMOTT,
Hongkong Dispensary.
Hongkong, January 27, 1888. 142

To be Let.

(With Immediate Possession.)

TWO DESIRABLE RESIDENCES situated in China Road, West end Terrace opposite to Rose Villas.

Apply to

No. 14, CAINE ROAD.
Hongkong, October 31, 1887. 2180

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALOUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship *Taisang*, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge, or remaining on Board after the 24th Instant, will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, February 22, 1888. 290

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP *SACHSEN*, FROM BREMEN AND PORTS OF CALL.

THE above-named Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LTD., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Ordnance Cargo will be landed here in Hongkong unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-morrow, the 24th Inst.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 2nd March will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on MONDAY, the 5th March, at 4 p.m.

All Claims must reach us before the 8th March, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, February 24, 1888. 304

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. *BRECONSHIRE*, FROM HAMBURG, ANTWERP, LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods, with the exception of Opium, are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., at Kowloon, whence and for from the Wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 4 p.m. To-day.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown, and all Goods remaining after the 2nd Proximo will be subject to rent at the rate of one cent per package per day.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 2nd Proximo, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, February 25, 1888. 313

GLEN LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FROM LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Glenary*, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her and by the S.S. *Adelphi* and *Holborn*, from New York, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO., LTD., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-morrow, the 25th Instant.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 3rd March will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, February 25, 1888. 308

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. *Hesperia*, Capt. CHRISTIANSEN, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

To-day's Advertisements.

GOVERNMENT CENTRAL SCHOOL.
TO-MORROW (TUESDAY),
 28th February, 8.30 a.m.
 SCHOOL OPENS.
 EXAMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNMENT FREE SCHOOLS.

WEDNESDAY,
 29th February, 8.30 a.m.
 Admission, after examination, to fill about 130 vacancies chiefly at bottom of School.
 PARENTS OR GUARDIANS MUST accompany applicants.
 Fees:—Class I, \$2 per month.
 II, III, \$14
 Reminders, \$1
GEO. H. BATESON WRIGHT, M.A.,
 Head Master.
 Hongkong, February 27, 1888. 319

THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR SWATOW AND BANGKOK.
 The Company's Steamer *Phra Chula Chon Kiao*, Captain A. Baxson, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 29th instant, at Daylight.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
YUEN FAT HONG, Agents.
 Hongkong, February 27, 1888. 322

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA
 (FLORIO & ROBERTO UNITED COMPANIES.)
STEAM FOR
 SINGAPORE, PENANG & BOMBAY.
 Having connection with Company's Mail Steamers to AGENZIE, PORT SAID, MESSINA, NAPLES (LEGHORN), GENOA, all Mediterranean, Adriatic, Levantine and South American Ports, up to CALAO. Taking Cargo at through rates to PERSIAN GULF and BAGDAD.
 The Co.'s Steamship
 Captain D'AMICO, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 29th inst., at 10 a.m.
 At Bombay the Steamers are discharging in PRINCE'S DOCK.
 For further Particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to
CARLOWITZ & Co., Agents.
 Hongkong, February 27, 1888. 331

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR SWATOW AND BANGKOK.
 The Co.'s Steamship
 Captain J. D. C. ARTHUR, Commander, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 29th inst., at 4 p.m.
 The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. First-class Saloon and Cabin are situated forward of the Engines. Second Class Passengers are berthed in the Poop. A Refrigerating Chamber and the supply of Fresh Vegetables during the entire voyage. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
 Hongkong, February 27, 1888. 320

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
 THE DIVIDEND OF 4% or \$5 per SHARE, for the Six Months ended 31st December, 1887, declared at To-day's Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be Payable at the Premises of the HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, Limited, on and after TUESDAY, the 28th inst., at 10 a.m. Holders are requested to apply for WARRANTS at the Company's Office, No. 14, Praya Central, Hongkong.
 By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. GILLIES, Secretary.
 Hongkong, February 27, 1888. 323

CANADIAN PACIFIC LINE.
TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS
 TO JAPAN, CANADA, THE UNITED STATES, AND EUROPE,
 VIA
THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY
 AND OTHER CONNECTING RAILWAY LINES & STEAMERS.

THE British Steamship PARTHIA,
 3,167 Tons Register, WALLACE, Commander, will be despatched for VANCOUVER, B.C., and SAN FRANCISCO, via NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA, on THURSDAY, the 16th March, at 3 p.m.
 To be followed by S.S. ABYSSINIA, in April.
 Connection will be made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan Ports, and at Vancouver with Pacific Coast points, by the regular Steamers of the PACIFIC COAST STEAMSHIP COMPANY and other Steamers.
 Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.
 First-class Fares granted as follows:—
 To Vancouver ... Mexican \$180.00
 To Vancouver and San Francisco ... 175.00
 To Vancouver and Portland ... 200.00
 To London ... 305.00
 To other European points at proportionate rates. Special reduced rates granted to Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service, and the Imperial Chinese and Japanese Governments, to be obtained on application.
 Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to Mr. D. E. BROWN, District Freight Agent, Vancouver, B.C.
 Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. on the 15th March, and to our Office and should be marked to address in full, and the same will be received by us until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.
 For information as to Passage or Freight, apply to
ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.
 Hongkong, February 27, 1888. 318

To-day's Advertisements.

LEE TUK CHEONG, Decedent.
NOTICE is hereby given that all Persons having CLAIMS or DEMANDS against or upon the Estate of LEE TUK CHEONG, late of Victoria, Hongkong, Merchant, who died on the 6th May, 1887, are required to send to me at My Office, at No. 61, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, aforesaid, full particulars of such Claims or Demands on or before the 30th April next, in order that the same may be examined by LEE SOW KEW, the Administrator of his Estate; and if found correct and discharged, and all Persons INDEBTED to the said Decedent are requested to pay the amount of their respective Debts to me. Dated this 27th February, 1888.
HO WYSON,
 Solicitor to the Administrator.
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NOTICE.
 PERSONS having CLAIMS against the Undersigned are requested to send them in before the 10th Proximo.
H. G. THOMSETT.
 Hongkong, February 27, 1888. 324

Not Responsible for Debts.
 Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—
ALLAN ROWE, Hawaiian brig, Captain J. Phillips.—Wolter & Co.
B. P. CHERRY, American ship, Captain Hughes.—Douglas, Lafrank & Co.
BYZANTIA, German barque, Capt. P. Woias.—Wolter & Co.
CENTINELA, American ship, Captain M. Bourse.—Russell & Co.
DOROTHEA, German barque, Capt. H. T. Moller.—Stimson & Co.
EXES, British barque, Capt. W. Summers.—Order.
GREAT ADMIRAL, American ship, Capt. James G. Rowell.—Russell & Co.
HATTE E. TAYLOR, British barque, Capt. J. McConnally.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.
MANUEL, Spanish barque, Capt. Esval.—Remedios & Co.

SHIPPING.
ARRIVALS.
 February 26, 1888.
 City of Rio de Janeiro, American steamer, 3,684 T. B. Seabury, San Francisco Jan. 21, and Yokohama February 21, Male and General.—P. M. S. S. Co.
 Nankiang, British steamer, 906, John McKelvie, Swatow February 25, General.—CHINESE.
 Kwang Kap, Chinese gunboat, from Canton.
 Kwang Lee, Chinese steamer, from Whampoa.
 Souchoo, British steamer, from Whampoa.
 Kunamoto Maru, Japanese steamer, 1,229, J. W. Evans, Kutchinoh February 22, Coal.—MITSUBISHI KAISHA.
 Nanshan, British steamer, 803, J. Blackburne, Bangkok February 18, Rice and General.—HOP HING HONG.
 Cheong Hock Kuan, British steamer, 956, F. Webb, Amoy February 21, and Swatow 24, General.—DUN HIN CHAN.
 Daffa, British steamer, 636, J. C. Nielsen, Saigon February 21, Rice and Paddy.—BAN HO.
 Pemptos, German steamer, 1,141, U. Johannsen, Saigon February 21, Rice.—ED. SORELLUS & Co.
 Nansan, British str., 864, F. D. Goddard, Foochow February 24, Amoy 24, and Swatow 26, General.—DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO.
 February 27:—
 Terasa, British steamer, 753, Greig, Nagasaki February 22, Coal.—GIBB, LEVISON & Co.
 Smit, Dutch steamer, 821, H. G. Kruhaak, Hilo February 22, Sapanwood.—STURMSEN & Co.
 Bavalder, British steamer, 1,332, R. W. Thomson, Nagasaki February 22, Coal.—GIBB, LEVISON & Co.
 Bantam, Dutch str., 1,434, S. O. Scholten, Amoy February 26, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
 Benarty, British steamer, 1,119, Le Boulthier, Saigon February 23, Rice.—GIBB, LEVISON & Co.
 Terasa, British steamer, 1,771, J. H. Seymour, Yokohama February 19, Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
 Bengat, British steamer, 2,532, W. B.

DEPARTURES.
 February 26:—
 Souchoo, for Hoihow and Pakhoi.
 Actis, for Hoihow and Pakhoi.
 Sarpedon, for Amoy and Shanghai.
 Fokien, for Swatow.
 Decima, for Saigon.
 Hageria, for Yokohama.
 February 27:—
 Subitino, for Singapore and Hongkong.
 Tamar, British screw-ship, for Singapore.
 Leaving for Taiwan.
 Kwang Kap, Chinese gunboat, for Canton.
 Nankiang, for Singapore and London.
 Yikang, for Shanghai.
 Gengarry, for Shanghai.
 E. C. for Hoihow.
 Gecow, for Saigon.
 Magpie, for Sydney.
 (CHINA.)
 Breconshire, for Nagasaki and Yokohama.
 Bagliato, for Bangkok.
 Carisbrook, for Saigon.
 Carisbrook, for Singapore and Hamburg.
 Chongchong, for Bangkok.
 Formosa, for Swatow.
 Kwang Lee, for Shanghai.
 Altine, for Hoihow and Pakhoi.

PASSENGERS.
ARRIVED.
 Par City of Rio de Janeiro, from San Francisco, Mr. Jas. N. Brown, Capt. F. B. Tuck, and 140 Chinese in steerage.
 Par Nankiang, from Swatow, 412 Chinese.
 Par Pemptos, from Saigon, Mr. G. A. Atzenroth, and 4 Chinese.
 Par Nanshan, from Canton Ports, Messrs. Shewan and Ollis, and 66 Chinese.
 Par Bantam, from Amoy, Mr. Cass, and 860 Chinese.
 Par Terasa, from Hongkong: from Yokohama, Messrs. Grocewood, Nai Teck, Nai Kank, Koon Yarakine, Nai Sod, 5 Siamese servants, Messrs. Ah Lin, Tan Chuan, and 1 distressed seaman; from Kobe, Mr. Unchida Ipochardi, 3 Japanese, 1 European, and 4 distressed seamen. From Nagasaki: for Venice, Rev. and Mrs. Stout, Miss and Master Stout. From Kobe: for Brindisi, Mr. A. A. Wagner. From Yokohama: for Penang, Mr. E. F. Thomas; for London, Capt. Owehand. Messrs. A. C. Varnner, P. L. Slek and O. Schipper.
 Par Yangtze, from Shanghai, Mr. Hunt, and 15 Chinese.
 Par Yang Ching, from Amoy, 3 Chinese.
 Par Bengat, from Shanghai: for Hongkong, Miss Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. B. Bohlho, 2 children and nans, Messrs. Thos. Tommy, John Calder, Ah Way, J. C. Rangel, and 18 Chinese; for London, Capt. Alington, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Gardner, and Miss Gardner, and Mr. Geo. Nicoll.
DEPARTED.
 Par Souchoo, for Hoihow, 10 Chinese.
 Par Actis, for Hoihow, 70 Chinese.
 Par Apaz, for London, Mr. and Mrs. Grundy, children and nans.
 Par Gengarry, for S.anghai, Mr. Reiss.
 Par Yikang, for Shanghai, Messrs. Dobie, Glad, Hought, and 6 Chinese.
 Par Fokien, for Amoy, Mr. Bruce, and Miss Graham.
 Par Moyuns, for Sydney, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Mackenzie and child, Messrs. J. Montague, Ambrosio Ruste, H. Barrenong, as; for Melbourne, Messrs. W. Davidson and I. Eburne.
 Par Nankiang, for Singapore, 492 Chinese.
 Par Frey, for Hoihow, 2 Europeans, and 30 Chinese.
TO DEPART.
 Par Breconshire, for Nagasaki, 2 Europeans.
 Par Carisbrook, for Saigon, 1 European, and 200 Chinese.
 Par Chongchong, for Bangkok, 8 Chinese.
 Par Formosa, for Swatow, 1 European, and 200 Chinese.
 Par Kwang Lee, for Shanghai, 126 Chinese.
 Par Altine, for Hoihow, 30 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.
 The American steamer City of Rio de Janeiro reports: Left San Francisco Jan. 21st, 3.10 p.m. Arrived at Yokohama Feb. 19th, 5.44 p.m. Having experienced boisterous weather, with heavy head sea, most of the passage. Left Yokohama February 21st at 12.34 a.m. Arrived Hongkong 26th February, 11.32 a.m.; have had strong N.E. monsoon in the China sea to Chappel Island, then light winds. Passage 5 days, 12 hours, and 30 minutes.
 The Japanese steamer Kunamoto Maru reports: Had light to fresh Northerly winds and sea moderate swell, fine weather. The British steamer Amoy reports: Had light winds and fine weather to Cape Yarka; from there to 14° N. moderate S.E. winds and fine weather; thence to port, moderate N.E. winds and fine weather, high head sea.
 The British steamer Namora reports: Foo how to Amoy, had moderate Northerly winds and rainy weather. Amoy to Swatow, had moderate N.E. wind and fine weather. Swatow to Pedro Blanco, had light N.W. winds and fine weather. Pedro to port, had fresh Northerly breezes and fine weather. Steamers in Foochow, Hoihow and Fochow. Steamers in Amoy, Yung Ching, Ping Chi, Yehsin and Bantam. Steamer in Swatow, Thales.
 The British steamer Bengat reports: First part of passage from Nagasaki to the North; latter part strong breeze from the N.E. The British steamer Yangtze reports: Had variable winds and calms with fine clear weather to Tung-shing Island; thence to port, had moderate N.E. monsoon, with same weather.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.
MAILS will close:—
 For STRAITS & CALCUTTA.—
 For Taiwan, at 2.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 28th inst.
 For SAIGON, SINGAPORE & BATAVIA.
 For Bantam, at 2.30 a.m., on Tuesday, the 28th inst.
 For AMOY AND MANILA.
 For Delila, at 3.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 28th inst.
 For SHANGHAI.—
 For Fuchuan, at 4.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 28th inst.
 For SAIGON.—
 For Falkenberg, at 4.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 28th inst.
 For SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHEW.
 For Namora, at 5 p.m., on Tuesday, the 28th inst.
 For SWATOW & BANGKOK.
 For Phra Chula Chon Kiao, at 5 p.m., on Tuesday, the 28th inst.
 For STRAITS & BOMBAY.—
 For Bantam, at 9.30 a.m., on Wednesday, the 29th inst.
 For NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
 For Tokeran, at 5 p.m., on Friday, the 2nd March.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.—
 The British Contract Packet Bengat will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 29th inst., with Mails for the United Kingdom, Europe, and countries between, via Brindisi; to the Straits Settlements, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.
 The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.—
 The United States Mail Packet City of Rio de Janeiro will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 3rd March, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States, Canada, Honolulu, Peru, &c., which will be closed as follows:—
 2.15 p.m. Post Office closes, but Correspondence may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 10 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.
HOURS OF CLOSING.
THE ENGLISH MAIL.
 The following hours are observed in closing Mails, &c., by the British Contract Packet:—
 Two Days before Departure.—
 3 p.m. Reception of Parcels ceases.
 Day before Departure.—
 2 p.m. Money Order Office closes.
 2 p.m. Posting of Parcels Current and Circulars ceases.
 (Prices Current and Circulars may however be posted up to 4 o'clock if they are tied in bundles, country by country, with the addresses all one way.)
 These for the United Kingdom must be divided into (1) London, (2) England and Wales, (3) Scotland, (4) Ireland; those for Germany into (1) Hamburg, (2) other places in Germany.)
 4 p.m. Registry ceases. Posting of Newspapers, Books, and Patrons ceases.
 5 p.m. Mail closes.
LATE LETTERS may be sent in the Night Box at the Post Office with 10 cents late fee up to 9 p.m., after which hour they may be sent on board with the same Late Fee.

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.
 FEBRUARY 27, 1888.

Stocks.	Nos. of Shares.	Value.	Paid-up.	Position.	Per Cent.	Last Report.	Last Dividend.	Closing Quotations.
BANKS.								
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp.	60,000	\$ 12	all	\$ 3,900,000	20.93	51 at working a/c	30 for 1 year to Dec. 31/87	\$146 7/8 prem., ex div.
INSURANCE.								
North-China Insurance Co., Ltd.	5,000	£ 2 1/2	all	£ 100,000	£ 406,132.00	£ 22.65 for 1886	£ 270, buyers	
Yangtze Insurance Company, Ltd.	8,000	£ 2	all	£ 50,000	£ 3,059,767	£ 7 for 1886	£ 108	
Union Insurance Society Co., Ltd.	10,000	£ 25 1/2	all	£ 250,000	£ 314,012.96	£ 20 for 1886	£ 374	
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd.	24,000	£ 83.30	all	£ 2,000,000	£ 245,240.04	£ 20 for 1886	£ 69	
Canton Insurance Office Co., Ltd.	10,000	£ 250	all	£ 2,500,000	£ 429,367.96	£ 10 for 1886	£ 374	
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	1,500	£ 1,000	all	£ 1,500,000	£ 225,771.28	£ 7 for 1886	£ 202	
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	30,000	£ 250	all	£ 7,500,000	£ 324,567.46	£ 7.50 for 1886	£ 372	
Singapore Insurance Company, Ltd.	40,000	£ 100	all	£ 4,000,000	£ 172,031.93	£ 6 for 1886	£ 79	
The Straits Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	40,000	£ 100	all	£ 4,000,000	£ 79,432.55	£ 6 for 1886	£ 21	
The Straits Insurance Co., Ltd.	30,000	£ 100	all	£ 3,000,000	£ 75,822.52	£ 6 for 1886	£ 29	
STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.								
H.K. & M. Steamship Co., Ltd.	40,000	£ 2 1/2	all	£ 100,000	£ 3,006.00	£ 7 1/2 half year to Dec. 31/87	£ 204, buyers	
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	£ 50	all	£ 1,000,000	£ 116.13	£ 8	£ 50	
Indo-China S. N. Company, Limited	18,387	£ 12 1/2	all	£ 2,298,387	£ 4,387.5	£ 15 for 1886/7	£ 15 dis., sellers	
China and Manilla S. N. Co., Ltd.	3,000	£ 50	all	£ 150,000	£ 1,517.31	£ 1.5 for 1886/7	£ 5 prem., buyers	
WHEATLANDS.								
H.K. & W. Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.	12,500	£ 125	all	£ 1,562,500	£ 1,492.91	£ 6 1/2 for 1 year to June 30/87	£ 56 prem.	
H.K. & China Gas Co., Limited.	5,100	£ 10	all	£ 51,000	£ 9,177.31	£ 1.5 for 1886/7	£ 430 for share, buyers, fully paid up	
New China Gas Co., Limited.	1,900	£ 10	all	£ 19,000	£ 1,517.31	£ 1.5 for 1886/7	£ 430 for share, buyers, fully paid up	
Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd.	3,000	£ 100	all	£ 300,000	£ 678.94	£ 8 1/2 half year to June 30/87	£ 185	
China Sugar Company, Limited.	15,000	£ 10	all	£ 150,000	£ 13,781.53	£ 6 1/2 for 1 year to June 30/87	£ 159	
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited.	6,000	£ 25	all	£ 150,000	£ 420.60	£ 10 for 1886/7	£ 45	
Hongkong Bakery Company, Ltd.	500	£ 50	all	£ 25,000	£ 514.5	£ 10 for 1886/7	£ 110	
Luzon Sugar Company, Limited.	7,000	£ 100	all	£ 700,000	£ 229,303.18	None	£ 240	
Perak Sugar Cultivation Co., Ltd.	5,000	£ 50	all	£ 250,000	None	None	£ 18	
Perak Tin Mining & S. N. Co., Ltd.	5,000	£ 50	all	£ 250,000	None	None	£ 20	
Perak Tin Mining & S. N. Co., Ltd.	40,000	£ 10	all	£ 400,000	None	None	£ 124	
H.K. & Kow. Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.	17,000	£ 100	all	£ 1,700,000	None	None	£ 141	
H.K. & Kow. Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.	3,000	£ 50	all	£ 150,000	None	None	£ 40	
H.K. & Kow. Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.	3,500	£ 100	all	£ 350,000	£ 2,730.09	£ 7 1/2 lat. div. 6 1/2 prem.	£ 63 prem., nominal	
H.K. High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd.	1,500	£ 100	all	£ 150,000	None	None	£ 12 1/2 prem., nominal	
LOANS.								
Chinese Imperial 1884	8,000	£ 500	all	£ 4,000,000	Rate of 1-1/2	Payable yearly, 30 June	£ 3 prem.	
" " 1885	3189	£ 500	all	£ 1,594,500	Rate of 1-1/2	Payable yearly, 30 June	£ 3 prem., buyers	
" " 1886	1700,000	£ 250	all	£ 425,000,000	Rate of 1-1/2	Payable yearly, 30 June	£ 10 1/2 prem., buyers	

* Evaluation of Dividend Fund.
 † Depreciation and Insurance Fund.
 ‡ At debit.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.
 Daylight.—Formosa leaves for Hoihow, &c.
 10 a.m.—Cassara leaves for Hoihow, &c.
 10 a.m.—Bantam leaves for Singapore, Penang and Bombay.
 Noon.—Bantam leaves for Bantam, &c.
 3 p.m.—Wingang leaves for Singapore, Penang and Calcutta.

Miscellaneous.
 3.30 a.m.—Government Central School opens.
 Dividend of 4% on Shares of H.K. & W. Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., payable at H.K. & S. H. Bank.

General Memoranda.
 WEDNESDAY, February 29:
 4 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Campbell Motor & Co., Ltd., at the Hongkong Hotel.
 Goods per Hesperia undelivered after this date subject to rent.
 THURSDAY, March 1:
 Goods per Hesperia undelivered after this date subject to rent.
 FRIDAY, March 2:
 Goods per Hesperia undelivered after this date subject to rent.
 Goods per Breconshire undelivered after this date subject to rent.
 9 p.m.—Meeting of Zealand Lodge.
 SATURDAY, March 3:
 Goods per Hesperia undelivered after this date subject to rent.
 THURSDAY, March 8:
 Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company, Limited.
 SATURDAY, March 10:
 Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of the China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at the General Agents' office.
 12.30 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at the General Agents' office.

Christmas Confectionery
JUST RECEIVED
 CRYSTALLIZED FRUITS,
 CHOCOLATE ORNAMS,
 BURNED ALMONDS, and
 SUNDRY SWEETS,
 Also,
 ROSE WATER & OTHER CRACKERS
 in great variety.
NEW SEASON'S
CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR CARDS
 including some
 ORNAMS OF SWISS AND HOME
 SCENERY,
 Suitable for Framing.
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THE CHINA MAIL.
 HONGKONG, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1888.

TELEGRAMS.
 (SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL")
 (Via Southern Line.)
BULGARIA.
 LONDON, 24th February, 1888.
 The Great Powers desire to obtain further explanations from Russia before declaring against Prince Ferdinand. In the meantime the Russians continue to mass troops on the Austro-Hungarian frontier, and France is massing troops on the Italian frontier.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.
PASSED SUEZ CANAL.
OUTWARD HOUND:—Amoy Priors, Jan. 3; Anioche, Benlarie, 31; Elctra, Telemachus, Feb. 3; Port Palfrey, 14; Stentor, Spithereen, Uppingham, 14; Glenfalkland, 14; Almoner, 17; Beglowers, Orie, Palfrey, 21.
INWARD HOUND:—Albany, Jan. 3; Benglowers, Feb. 3; Devonshire, 7; Opauch, Lydia, Promethee, 10; Monmouthshire, 14; Djinnah, Neckar, Russel, 17; Glenarney, Inghran, 21.

The O. & O. Co.'s steamship Gaudin, with the AMERICAN MAIL on board, is to leave Yokohama on the 24th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 1st March.
 The Canadian Pacific Line steamer Parthia, from Vancouver, left Kobe for this port on the 26th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 1st March.
 The steamship Natal, with the FRENCH MAIL of Jan. 27th, left Singapore on Friday, February 24th, at 6 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Friday, the 2nd March. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on Dec. 20.

The Scottish Oriental Company's new str. Deuagawa was to leave Singapore on the 24th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 2nd March.
 The s.s. Huntingdon left Singapore on the 24th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 2nd March.
 The steamship Pathan left Singapore on the 25th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 2nd March.
 The P. & O. 'extra' steamship Khiva, from Bombay, left Singapore for this port on the 26th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 2nd March.

Messrs. Adamson, Bell & Co. inform us that the Canadian Pacific steamship Parthia left Kobe yesterday morning for Hongkong.
 It is notified in the Gazette that Mr. H. Butler has been recognised as Acting Consul for Germany, and Mr. H. Rathman as Vice-Consul.

The Messageries Maritimes steamer Natal, with the French Mail of 27th January, left Singapore for Saigon and this port at 6 a.m. on Friday, the 24th inst.

We learn that Mr. J. J. Francis, Q. C., left Margalla yesterday, the 26th inst., in the M. M. steamer Melbourne for Hongkong, and is due here by the 29th March.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Haiphong	80.13	64	00	ENE	3	0	-
Batavia	80.03	77	-	"	2	0	0
Manila	80.02	82	69	W	1	5	-

The barometer has fallen and gradients are moderate for N.E. winds. The weather is fine and cool, but rather damp.

W. DOWNS,
Government Astronomer
Hongkong Observatory, February 27.

1. BAROMETER, reduced to 89 degrees Fahrenheit, and to the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.

2. TEMPERATURE, in the shade in degrees, Fahrenheit.

3. HUMIDITY, in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.

4. DIRECTION OF WIND, to two points.

5. FORCE OF WIND, according to Beaufort Scale.

6. STATE OF WEATHER, a blue sky, a detached cloud, a drizzling rain, fog, a gloomy haze, a lightning, or overcast, a passing shower, a squally rain, a snow, a thunder, a visibility, a rain, or a fog.

7. RAIN, in inches, tenths, and hundredths.

